

## OPINION 1366

*MACTRA SACHALINENSIS* SCHRENK, 1862 (MOLLUSCA,  
BIVALVIA): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *sybillae* Valenciennes, 1858, as published in the binomen *Mactra sybillae*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *sachalinensis* Schrenck, 1862, as published in the binomen *Mactra sachalinensis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 3041.

(3) The specific name *sybillae* Valenciennes, 1858, as published in the binomen *Mactra sybillae* and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1163.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2332

An application for the use of the plenary powers to conserve *Mactra sachalinensis* Schrenk, 1862 was first received from Dr A. I. Kafanov (*Far East Science Centre, Vladivostok, U.S.S.R.*) on 7 January 1980. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printer on 19 April 1983 and published on 15 July 1983 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 122–123. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and one specialist serial. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 April 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)35 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, p. 122. At the close of the voting period on 15 July 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Cocks, Holthuis, Halvorsen, Savage, Trjapitzin, Binder, Corliss, Ride, Alvarado, Willink, Hahn, Schuster, Uéno, Brinck, Kraus, Bayer, Bernardi

Negative Votes — four (4) received in the following order: Mroczkowski, Lehtinen, Dupuis, Heppell.

Late affirmative votes were returned by Cogger and Starobogatov.

No vote was returned by Gruchy.

The following comments were returned by Commissioners with their voting papers:

Uéno: 'I would have voted against this proposal if the species in question had had no economic importance.'

*Mroczkowski*: 'As both the names (*sachalinensis* and *sybillae*) are only subjective synonyms, the relative precedence procedure should be adopted in this case.'

*Lehtinen*: 'The list of references is by no means convincing. A few authors from two countries have used the name *Macra sachalinensis* Schrenk, 1862, during a relatively short period. The first serious attempt to get more information for this species in main collections of Mollusca resulted in the discovery of a senior synonym — nobody knows how many there might be when this group is critically revised also using material and literature dealing with neighbouring areas.'

### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *sachalinensis*, *Macra*, Schrenk, 1862, *Bull. Acad. imp. Sci. St. Pétersbourg*, vol. 4, p. 412  
*sybillae*, *Macra*, Valenciennes, 1858, *C.r. Acad. Sci.*, vol. 46, p. 760.

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)35 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1366.

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*London*

*13 August 1985*